

If, in the opinion of the Examiner, a telephone conference would advance the prosecution of the Application, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney.

REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Applicants respectfully request an extension of time to reply of THREE MONTHS under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136. The fee of \$450.00 due under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a) therefor is paid herewith.

AUTHORIZATION TO DEBIT

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to debit deposit account 11-0600 in the amount of \$1130.00 for the amounts due herewith under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a) [\$950] and 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(p) [\$180]. Applicants respectfully submit that no additional fees are due with this paper. If additional fees are due, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to debit deposit account 11-0600 for such additional fees.

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